# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF PULSES .
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether any project is being implemented for increasing area for cultivation of pulses in the country, especially in Karnataka;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the achievements made during the last three years, State- wise; and

(c) The amount allocated by the Government for the project for 2006-07 and the manner in which it is proposed to be spent?
ANSWER

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): With a view to increasing area, production and productivity of pulses, a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) is being implemented in 14 major pulses growing states including the State of Karnataka. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of Rhizobium culture/ phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, publicity, etc. to encourage farmers to grow pulses. In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are being organized through State Department of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations through ICAR.

The details of State-wise area coverage, production and productivity achievements under pulses during last three years are given in the Annexure.

(c): Government of India has made an allocation of Rs.270 crore for 2006-07 for development of oilseeds, pulses, oil palm and maize under ISOPOM. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to the States and other agencies like Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), National Seeds Corporation (NSC), State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) etc. to implement the crop developmental programes. The allocated fund is to be spent on the programmes as per approved annual action plans of the States.